



PARTNERSHIP LEARNING
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL

Excellence for All



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Dear Parents and Carers,

GCSE Examination Results 2017

We are all very proud of our first ever set of GCSE examination results. This huge success would not have been possible without the unwavering support of parents, our talented teachers, committed staff, and governors over the past 5 years. The students deserve huge praise for their amazing work ethic resulting in this impressive set of results.

Riverside students achieved a higher A*-C or 9-5 than the national average in all GCSE subjects. This means Riverside School's Attainment 8 score (average grade for all students in their best 8 subjects inc. English, maths, 3 Ebacc subjects and any 3 others) is ranked first in the LBBB. The Attainment 8 score is one of the government's key school performance measures and Riverside students achieved the highest score out of all Barking and Dagenham schools. In addition, more Riverside students achieved both a grade 5 in English and maths, higher than any other comprehensive in the borough - superb Yr11!

This year, national school performance measures will also include the English baccalaureate, known as the Ebacc, awarded to students only if they achieve good passes in all of the following subjects: English, maths, a language, one of the humanities (geography or history) and two sciences. Over 50% of students achieved the Ebacc at Riverside School, the highest in Barking and Dagenham by 10 percentage points. This group of qualifications is the gold standard as it gives young people the greatest opportunity to study at one of the UK's best universities in the future. We were also delighted with several students achieving the new grade 9, placing them in the top 4% of students nationally.

The new GCSE examinations in English language, English literature and maths had more content and were tougher than any examination in the last 30 years, so it's not just the grading system that has changed. This makes these brilliant results even more to celebrate!

Riverside Sixth Form

Riverside School opens its sixth form for the first time this September in partnership with the Southern Consortium. With such excellent GCSE results we have been inundated with applications to the new sixth form. All Riverside students who have achieved the entry criteria for their course are guaranteed a place. There are limited additional spaces available, please contact Mr Todd, Head of Sixth Form, to enquire about these places for external students. Enrolment is on Wednesday 6th September at 10:00am for all Yr12 students.

School Start Date

Please remember we have a delayed start this year to prepare the new premises for students. School begins on 11th September for all students, years 7-12. Please ensure students arrive at 8:30 for a prompt 8:40 start. The access road to school will be completed, but the EL1 is the only bus that will access the site in the short term.

Both EL1 and EL3 will access the site in the near future, at present the EL3 will continue to terminate at the Rivergate Centre, you can then change to the EL1 straight to Campus or take a 10 minute walk using the new Mallard Road link with River Road. I have enclosed a map provided by BRL, please note that all roads will have double yellow lines, apart from the area indicated as the school drop off zone and parking enforcement will commence on the 18th September 2017.

New Restaurant and Café

Aspens, our excellent new caterer, begins serving food and drink from this September. The company was selected following a lengthy tender process. Students were unhappy with both the quality of food and service from our previous caterers and we now feel both the quality of food and service provided by Aspens will be the best offered in any secondary school, college or university. All food will now be cooked freshly on site daily and we welcome any feedback from you in the future.

During the first week of school the new cashless payment system will not be in place, as we are setting up a new biometric cardless touch recognition system. We will collect this biometric data in the first week to begin this system as soon as possible. If you wish to opt your child out of the new biometric payment system please let the school know by letter on the first day of school. All food and drink during the first few days of school will be provided on a credit basis by the school of £2:20 per day. This will then be deducted once your account is activated. Please note that funds cannot be transferred from one school Parentpay account to another school, but please do not hesitate to contact the office if you are new to Riverside and require help setting up your account. Please inform the school, by email, phone call, contact form on website or letter, if you do not wish for your child to have school meals, in this case please send your child to school with a packed lunch.

Finally, we are all looking forward to another superb year at Riverside School. Once again, well done to Yr I I for achieving such amazing results and placing Riverside School top in Barking and Dagenham for 2 of the 3 key national school performance measures.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Roberts

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Roberts', written in a cursive style.

Headteacher
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